Department of Homeland Security
Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report
for 25 October 2007

Current Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- *The Brown Daily Herald* reports that researchers affiliated with Harvard University's Managing the Atom project still see the threat of nuclear attack as a danger to world security. Their latest report warned that nuclear materials kept around the world lack adequate security. (See item **5**)

- *The Associated Press* reports that the TJX data breach, which exposed thousands of customers' information to identity thieves, was much worse than previously believed. A group of banks has filed a suit alleging that 94 million accounts were affected by the theft of personal data from TJX Cos. – more than double the number the company previously reported. The banks say the data breach affected about 65 million Visa account numbers and about 29 million MasterCard numbers. (See item **8**)

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Production Industries: Energy; Chemical; Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste; Defense Industrial Base; Dams

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Sustenance and Health: Agriculture and Food; Water; Public Health and Healthcare

Federal and State: Government Facilities; Emergency Services; National Monuments and Icons

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED
Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES−ISAC) − [http://www.esisac.com]

1. *October 23, XETV-TV FOX 6, San Diego, California* – (California) **San Diego gas, electric officials urge customers to conserve energy.** San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) officials today urged customers to conserve energy because the region's power grid is operating at near maximum capacity. Electrical power outages affected 24,992 customers in 44

communities in the San Diego area, according to SDG&E. Gas outages affected 1,445 customers in five communities. The fires throughout San Diego County hampered SDG&E's ability to assess the damage, officials said. As soon as affected areas are declared safe, repair crews will be mobilized. The California Independent System Operator, which manages the state's power grid, declared a transmission emergency for Southern California due to the number of power lines that have been knocked out of service. The situation was particularly dire in San Diego, where multiple high voltage lines were disabled.
Source: http://www.fox6.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=23156292-5105-4e3b-8355-a3df13593390&rss=800

2. *October 22, Utility Automation & Engineering T&D* – (Georgia) **Number of hackers targeting utilities increases 90 percent.** SecureWorks, a security services provider, has seen a 90 percent increase in the number of hackers attempting to attack its utility clients this year. From January through April, SecureWorks blocked an average of 49 attackers per utility client per day. Whereas, from May through September, it saw an average of 93 hackers attempt attacks on each of its utility clients per day. "When researching these new statistics, we found that web browser attacks represented a large number of the attacks attempted against our clients, including our utility customers," said the director of development at SecureWorks.
Source: http://uaelp.pennnet.com/display_article/309852/22/ARTCL/none/none/1/Number-of-hackers-targeting-utilities-increases-90-percent/

Chemical Industry Sector

3. *October 24, The Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **Indy airport cleans up mercury spill.** A Monday spill of mercury at the Indianapolis International Airport led to a Tuesday cleanup of the chemical at the airport's passenger terminal. The spill was in a baggage screening area and did not involve any passengers, according to the Indianapolis Airport Authority and the Transportation Security Administration. No terminal evacuation was needed and flights were not affected. The incident happened on Monday afternoon when a checked bag was being inspected. While the luggage was checked, a substance spilled from a small container. However, on Tuesday evening, when residue from the chemical remained on the floor of the baggage screening area, it was checked again and airport firefighters were called, along with county health officials. They examined the chemical and found that it was mercury, a chemical that can be toxic in high concentrations.
Source: http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071023/LOCAL/71024001

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *October 24, Platts* – (International) **Global nuclear power to grow to between 447 and 679 gigawatts by 2030.** By 2030, global nuclear power will grown from 370 GW in 2006 to either 447 GW or 679 GW, the low and high projections, respectively, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) latest annual assessment released October

23. Present nuclear power plant expansion is centered in Asia, the IAEA said, home to 15 of the 29 units under construction at the end of 2006. Twenty-six of the last 36 reactors connected to the grid were also in Asia. India currently gets less than 3 percent of its electricity from nuclear, but at the end of 2006 it had one-quarter of the world's nuclear construction with seven units under construction.
Source:
http://www.platts.com/Nuclear/News/8318398.xml?sub=Nuclear&p=Nuclear/News&?undefined&undefined

5. *October 24, The Brown Daily Herald* – (National) **Nuclear attack still a threat, Harvard professors say.** The threat of nuclear attack is still a danger to world security, according to a group of researchers at Harvard University. The most recent issue of an annual report – "Securing the Bomb," released by the Managing the Atom project at the John F. Kennedy School of Government – warned that nuclear materials kept around the world lack adequate security. A senior research associate said that a "main motivation" of the project is that nuclear materials falling into the hands of terrorists "remains a very real possibility."
Source:
http://media.www.browndailyherald.com/media/storage/paper472/news/2007/10/24/CampusWatch/Nuclear.Attack.Remains.A.Threat.Harvard.Profs.Say-3052623.shtml

6. *October 23, The Associated Press* – (New York) **NRC: Little danger in nuclear plant nap.** Federal regulators have determined there was little danger when an armed guard fell asleep at an inner-ring security gate around the Indian Point nuclear plants. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) told the plants' owner, Entergy Nuclear, that it was issuing a "green" finding in the case of the guard, who was caught asleep at his post by an NRC inspector on August 26. Green means "very low security significance" and is the lowest level on a scale that goes up through white and yellow to red. "This doesn't mean the offense was negligible, just very low as it pertains to safety significance," an NRC spokesman said Tuesday. "This is still completely unacceptable behavior as far as we're concerned." The inspector, who found the snoozing guard, spent two minutes trying to rouse him before the guard stood and opened his eyes, the NRC said in August.
Source: http://www.charlotte.com/nation/story/331037.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *October 24, The San Antonio Business Journal* – (National) **MTC Technologies wins $6.7 million in defense contracts.** Defense contractor MTC Technologies Inc. has won two contracts worth $6.7 million supporting the Air Education and Training Command and the intelligence community. Dayton, Ohio-based MTC received a $2.1 million award to support the Air Education and Training Command (AETC) headquarters at Randolph Air Force Base. For the next three years, MTC will provide Web services and hosting for the AETC's Directorate of Communications. The work will be performed by MTC's office in San Antonio. The company will supply the Air Force with a Web-based portal for e-mail, online document collaboration, data storage and instant messaging. Under the second contract, MTC has been selected for a $4.6 million award to provide courseware for Joint Imagery

Analysis Courses or JIAC. The JIAC are a series of intermediate-level imagery courses used to develop analytical skills in defense sensor interpretation and application. These courses will be taken by qualified Department of Defense and CIA imagery analysts through government Web sites.
Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/bizj/071024/1539814.html?.v=1

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *October 24, The Associated Press* – (National) **TJX data breach case worse than first thought.** A group of banks alleged in a court filing that 94 million accounts were affected by the theft of personal data from TJX Cos. – more than double the number the company previously reported in what already is considered the largest data breach in history. The data breach affected about 65 million Visa account numbers and about 29 million MasterCard numbers, according to the court filing made public by a group of banks suing TJX over costs associated with the breach. The U.S.-based retailer owns 2,500 stores, including 252 Winners and HomeSense stores across Canada. A Visa official estimated there were between US$68 million and $83 million in fraud losses on Visa accounts alone at banks and other institutions that issued the cards. Last month, Canadian privacy officials faulted TJX for failing to adequately protect customer information. The investigators said TJX believed the intruders gained access to the data through wireless local area networks at two Marshalls stores in Miami. The networks use radio waves to collect and transmit data, such as credit card numbers.
Source:
http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20071024/data_breach_071024/20071024

9. *October 23, Reuters* – (National) **Investors warned over pump-and-dump energy scams.** A U.S. securities regulator released a warning of schemes involving energy-related stocks, which have been increasing in recent months. The "pump-and-dump" schemes, which target those investors "looking for a quick buck," start by creating artificial demand to increase companies' stock prices. Subsequently, the scammers sell their shares at a profit causing a fall in prices, which affect the naïve investors. For example, in one scam, investors were told they would receive huge profits by investing in "a Texas energy company that had entered a venture with a $23 billion Chinese oil monopoly" if they do it "RIGHT NOW." The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has released warnings of similar scams involving gas and oil stocks. The senior vice president of investor education from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority advised people to investigate the company's finances and business prospects before investing.
Source: http://today.reuters.com/news/articleinvesting.aspx?type=etfNews&storyID=2007-10-23T162532Z_01_N23318306_RTRIDST_0_SCAME-PUMPANDDUMP-ENERGY.XML

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Transportation Sector

10. *October 23, USA Today* – (California) **Airlines flexible for fliers affected by Calif. wildfires.** Several airlines announced that they will wave fees for passengers who want to change flight dates to and from Southern California airports, because of the fires. The rules differ from one airport to another, thus those interested in rescheduling their flights should contact their respective airlines.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2007-10-23-airlines-wildfires_N.htm

11. *October 23, USA Today* – (National) **Terror watch list swells to more than 755,000 names.** A new government report revealed that the number of individuals on the terrorist watch list has gone up to more than 755,000. Some lawmakers expressed concern that the increased number will diminish the list's effectiveness. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) also stated that some of the people might figure more than once on the list due to different spelling of their names. Furthermore, the report also found that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) does not have records of how many people on the no-fly list might have passed screening and boarded domestic or international flights. The director of the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center also claimed that 269 individuals were denied entry into the U.S. in fiscal 2006 and insisted on the use of the list also at businesses where workers could "carry out attacks on our critical infrastructure that could harm large numbers of persons or cause immense economic damage." However, the list is disputably useless and "underscores the need to make the watch lists more accurate, to improve screening procedures at airports and the ports of entry, and to provide individuals with the ability to seek redress if they believe they have been wrongfully targeted," according to the report.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-10-23-Watchlist_N.htm

12. *October 23, The Associated Press* – (National) **US may fine airlines for chronically delayed flights.** After investigating flights that were 15 minutes late at least 70 percent of the time, the Department of Transportation has decided that the airlines responsible for those flights may be subjected to fines for "potentially deceptive business practices." The investigation, which began last May, identified 26 flights that met the criteria and the department is presently trying to determine if those flights experienced delays in the most recent quarter. If they did, the responsible airlines will face "significant financial penalties," according to the agency's spokesman. Nevertheless, some airline groups and associations disagree with the penalties, saying that "the answer is not eliminating flights from the chronically delayed list, which are there based on customer demand."
Source: http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/10/23/business/NA-FIN-US-Airline-Delays-Fines.php

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Postal and Shipping Sector

13. *October 24, Prime Newswire* – (National) **U.S. Postal Service expands implementation of Wireless industrial vehicle management solutions.** I.D. Systems, Inc. announced that it has received follow-on purchase orders from the United States Postal Service (USPS) to deploy its Wireless Asset Net industrial vehicle management system at five additional mail

distribution facilities, bring the total number of USPS facilities using the system to 77. The Wireless Asset Net consists of intelligent wireless devices installed on powered industrial vehicles (such as forklifts and pallet movers), a patented communication infrastructure, and client-server software providing access control, utilization analysis, real-time location tracking, and many other functions. The system is designed to improve industrial workplace safety and security, reduce maintenance expenses, and help improve productivity.
Source: http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/primenewswire/129555.htm

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Agriculture and Food Sector

14. *October 23, Reuters* – (National) **Food safety rules tightened after E. coli recall.** U.S. food safety inspectors said Tuesday they will expand tests and recall infected meat more rapidly to combat E. coli contamination of meat products after the largest American manufacturer of hamburger patties went out of business this month. The U.S. Agriculture Department's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) said in a briefing the number of E. coli recalls has climbed to 15, so far in 2007, compared to five cases reported in all of 2005. FSIS said it increased the number of tests of ground beef by more than 75 percent in July and began planning for a new follow-up testing program for federally inspected beef plants that had tested positive for E. coli. Under the new testing program, FSIS will test plants that handle a larger volume of beef more frequently than in the past. The government will also implement outreach and training sessions for small and very small raw beef processors. Washington will require countries exporting beef to the U.S. to conduct the same or equivalent tests on their meat products.
Source:
http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN2357912920071023?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews&rpc=22&sp=true

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Water Sector

15. *October 23, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Gov. calls for 10 percent cut in water use.** On Tuesday, the governor of Georgia ordered public water providers in 61 North Georgia counties to cut their withdrawals by 10 percent, starting November 1. With his decision, the governor opted against singling out specific businesses to reduce water usage, such as car washes. Instead, he left local water suppliers to determine how to achieve the reduction; however, farms are excluded from the 10 percent requirement. After the first month, the results of this cut will be evaluated. The governor stated, "A 10 percent reduction in water use is a first step, and we will continue to evaluate our drought response and encourage additional conservation as needed."
Source: http://www.ajc.com/news/content/metro/stories/2007/10/23/drought_1024.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

16. *October 23, McClatchy Newspapers* – (National) **Senate hearing looks at health problems from global warming.** Witnesses testified at a Senate committee hearing Tuesday that global warming-related health problems are likely to increase. They pointed to 35,000 deaths in 2003 during a summer heat wave in Europe, as well as to the spread of the West Nile virus, unseen in the U.S. eight years ago, to 47 states. The director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention referred to a CDC chart showing that rising temperatures are likely to affect public health because of heat waves, severe weather, rising air pollution, water-borne diseases, water and food supply disruptions and refugees resulting from civil conflict. The chart predicted increasing rates of asthma and cardiovascular diseases, malaria, dengue, malnutrition, migration and premature death.
Source: http://www.kansascity.com/news/nation/story/330302.html

17. *October 23, The Associated Press* – (National) **Inefficient anthrax vaccine system costly.** A lack of coordination between two U.S. government departments on the use of anthrax vaccine means that more than $100 million a year could be wasted, according to a Government Accountability Office report obtained by the *Associated Press (AP)*. The departments of Defense and Health and Human Services (HHS) each buy the BioThrax vaccine. The Pentagon gives the vaccine to personnel going to Iraq, Afghanistan and the Korean peninsula, but much of the vaccine purchased by HHS sits in the Strategic National Stockpile and goes unused. As of June, the stockpile had about 10 million anthrax vaccine doses and all will expire if not used. Currently, there are more than 520,000 expired doses of the anthrax vaccine, worth $12 million, in the stockpile, GAO investigators found. They recommended that the Pentagon and HHS create a single inventory system to prevent vaccine from being wasted, the *AP* reported. However, both departments said legal issues prevent a vaccine-sharing agreement and contend that the GAO overestimated the amount of money lost.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/23/AR2007102300896_3.html

18. *October 23, Agence France Presse* – (International) **Advances boost production of pandemic flu vaccine**. Recent scientific advances mean it should be possible to produce 4.5 billion doses of pandemic flu vaccine a year by 2010, says the World Health Organization (WHO). However, this would fall short of the WHO's target of providing a flu shot to the world's 6.7 billion people within six months of a pandemic being declared, *Agence France Presse (AFP)* reported. The WHO has established an advisory committee to produce a report on the issue of pandemic flu vaccine supply, *AFP* reported. Experts fear that the H5N1 bird flu virus could mutate and spark a global pandemic that could kill millions.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/23/AR2007102300896_3.html

19. *October 22, The Associated Press* – (International) **Indonesian bird flu death toll reaches 89 after toddler dies.** A four-year-old girl from Tangerang on the outskirts of Jakarta, Indonesia died Monday after being hospitalized for two days, said a senior health ministry official. The girl first showed bird flu like symptoms on October 13, and health investigators concluded she had contact with dead poultry in her neighborhood. Indonesia, which is the

world's fourth most populous country, has been the hardest-hit by the virus since it appeared in Asia in 2003. The human death toll there from the illness now accounts for almost half of the recorded 203 fatalities worldwide, according to the World Health Organization.
Source: http://www.postcrescent.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071022/APC0101/71022146/1979/frontpage

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *October 24, The Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Asleep at military post.** Illinois officials have revealed that the same security firm, whose guards were found sleeping at water filtration plants, also performed poorly while guarding state military facilities. Problems with the guards included sleeping, abandoning their posts, and having criminal records. The security problems at the city's water facilities and at state military posts highlight the dilemma posed by awarding sensitive contracts to the lowest bidder. State and local governments frequently consider other qualifications, why that was not done with those security contracts is unclear. Chicago's mayor has said that this underscores the need for the city to replace people with surveillance cameras.
Source: http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/616804,CST-NWS-water24.article

21. *October 22, The Bakersfield Californian* – (California) **E. coli strain keeps school closed.** An elementary school in rural California remains closed after E. coli bacteria were detected in its water supply. The school is flushing out its water supply and, as long as the E. coli tests come back negative, school will resume next week.
Source: http://www.bakersfield.com/102/story/266315.html

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *October 24, The Associated Press* – (California) **500,000 flee raging California wildfires; firefighters injured.** Faced with unrelenting winds whipping wildfires into a frenzy across Southern California, firefighters conceded defeat on many fronts Tuesday to an unstoppable force that has chased more than 500,000 people away. Unless the shrieking Santa Ana winds subside, and that is not expected for at least another day, fire crews say they can do little more than try to wait it out and react - tamping out spot fires and chasing ribbons of airborne embers to keep new fires from flaring. Tentacles of unpredictable, shifting flame have burned across nearly 600 square miles, killing one person, destroying more than 1,300 homes and prompting the biggest evacuation in California history, from north of Los Angeles, through San Diego to the Mexican border. In Rancho Santa Fe, a suburb north of San Diego, houses burned just yards from where fire crews fought to contain flames engulfing other properties. In the mountain community of Lake Arrowhead, cabins and vacation homes went up in flames with no fire crews in sight. More than a dozen wildfires blowing across Southern California since Sunday have also injured more than 45 people, including 21 firefighters. The U.S. Forest Service earlier reported a fire death in Los Angeles County's Santa Clarita area, but officials said Tuesday that this information was

erroneous.
Source: http://www.emsresponder.com/online/article.jsp?siteSection=1&id=6419

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Information Technology

23. *October 23, Computerworld* – (National) **Attack PDF prowls for unpatched Adobe Reader, Acrobat.** A malicious PDF document that exploits bugs in Adobe Systems Inc.'s Reader and Acrobat software is on the loose, Symantec Corp. said today, just hours after Adobe patched the programs. "This mass mailing of exploit files may be an attempt to leverage the exposure window between patch release and widespread adoption of the fix," said Symantec in a warning to customers of its DeepSight threat intelligence network. The rogue PDF document is attached to spammed e-mail, and arrives with a filename such as YOUR_BILL.pdf or INVOICE.pdf, said Symantec. It exploits the "mailto:" protocol vulnerability disclosed more than a month ago. Adobe fixed the flaw Monday and released updated 8.1.1. editions of both Reader and Acrobat that plug the hole. Users of older versions of the popular programs must either upgrade to 8.1.1 or apply one of the temporary work-arounds Adobe provided to stifle attacks. Yesterday, Adobe did say that it would update Adobe Reader 7.0.9 and Acrobat 7.0.9 "at a later date" but did not set a definitive timeline. Only users running the Internet Explorer 7 browser on XP or Windows Server 2003 are vulnerable to the PDF exploit. "[Users] are advised to apply the patches outlined in Adobe Advisory APSB07-18 as soon as possible," Symantec recommended.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9043699&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

24. *October 23, 2007 (Computerworld)* – **(National) Mozilla rushes to fix regression bugs in Firefox.** Mozilla Corp. will rush another version of Firefox to users as early as next week to fix five bugs it introduced in last Wednesday's security update, the company's user interface designer said Tuesday. Firefox 2.0.0.8 patched ten vulnerabilities, including three critical flaws, but also shipped with five regression bugs -- problems unintentionally introduced when code was changed to plug other holes. "Most users won't see any difference or experience any problems," said a Mozilla representative in a posting to the company's development center blog. "We're working fast to understand and fix these problems, and will shortly be issuing a 2.0.0.9 update to address them." According to notes from a weekly Mozilla meeting on Firefox, the regression reports began accumulating over the weekend. Firefox 2.0.0.8 was posted for download October 17. Three of the five problems were limited to Windows, but two page rendering issues affected all versions of the browser, including those for Mac OS X and Linux.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9043820&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

25. *October 24, IDG News* – (National) **Service Sprint, Alcatel-Lucent introduce security card.** Sprint-Nextel and Alcatel-Lucent plan to introduce Wednesday a mobile data card that doubles as a laptop security mechanism. The SprintSecure Laptop Guardian has its own battery power, and if removed, turns a laptop into essentially a paperweight, said a product manager at Alcatel-Lucent. The card has a small operating system, CPU (central processing unit), memory, and SD slot. When inserted into a laptop, it hijacks the TCP/IP stack, so the card can enforce policies regarding what users can download, no matter what method the user employs to connect to the Internet. Although the card offers access to Sprint's data network, users can get online using any other standard method. It also includes GPS (global positioning system) so an IT administrator can locate the laptop. The card works in tandem with a gateway appliance that an enterprise installs. The gateway terminates the VPN (virtual private network) connection for the card and contains management software. An enterprise that has heavy security needs across all workers might use the new product to replace an existing VPN, said the Alcatel-Lucent rep. Alcatel-Lucent plans to work with other vendors to share APIs, in order to integrate with other existing technologies.
Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/10/24/Sprint-Alcatel-Lucent-security-card_1.html

26. *October 23, Computerworld* – (California) **As Calif. wildfires rage, technology used to track blazes.** With 14 major wildfires ravaging thousands of acres of land, homes and businesses across Southern California, high-tech tools such as GPS technology, satellite imaging systems and aerial photography have been helping firefighters and other officials track the destructive paths of the massive blazes. However, while technology can be helpful, right now it is no match for the powerful Santa Ana winds fueling the fires, which continue to build in intensity and destructiveness. With conditions so volatile, the most important task becomes the age-old practice of fighting the fires, protecting lives and immediately dealing with the situation at hand, said a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) in Sacramento said. Later, when the winds die down, firefighters can turn to technology to help them do their jobs, she said. Firefighters have begun using various GPS technologies to map out the progress of wildfires over the last several years, she said. They are also trying out other kinds of high-tech aids, such as devices that use infrared images to "see" moisture levels in shrubs and grasses. "We're always striving to stay on the cutting edge," she said.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9043765&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *October 23, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Fires won't hurt long term, economists say.** Despite the destruction of more than 1,600 homes and buildings, massive evacuations and widespread business closures, Southern California's vast, diverse economy probably will withstand this latest disaster with little long-term damage, economists say. Some even think the fires may help areas such as construction, which is down 28,600 jobs through September, a 3 percent decline from the previous year, according to the state Employment Development Department. Damage estimates were in the hundreds of millions of dollars Tuesday, and that figure does not count losses to hundreds of businesses that were forced to halt operations because of the widespread blazes. In San Diego County, thousands of workers stayed home as Hewlett-Packard Co., Sony Electronics Inc. and other companies closed Monday and Tuesday. Tourist attractions, including San Diego's SeaWorld and the Wild Animal Park near Escondid, also shut down Tuesday. While such closures have an immediate effect on theme parks and surrounding businesses such as hotels and tour services, they did occur during the slow season, making them much less severe.
Source: http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-fire-econ24oct24,0,1599298.story?coll=la-home-center

National Monuments & Icons Sector

Nothing to report

Dams Sector

28. *October 24, The Modesto Bee* – (California) **Earthquake study ordered for 305-foot tall San Luis Dam.** Federal and state water officials will spend $2 million on a study to determine what corrective measures are needed to help California's B.F. Sisk Dam, also known as the San Luis Dam, withstand an earthquake. The dam is in a seismically active area crossed by the Ortigalita fault, but it is in no imminent danger, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. He said that "there have been no problems in the past, (but) there is potential for liquefaction." The seismic study will take three years to complete and will help the Bureau of Reclamation decide what corrective steps need to be taken.
Source: http://www.modbee.com/local/story/101391.html

29. *October 24, The Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Clues to floodwall seepages found.** Two separate investigations into seepage, which is occurring in almost two dozen spots along the West Return Canal floodwall in Kenner, Louisiana, have reached some tentative findings. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a rapid response task force commissioned last week

by the regional levee authority agree that when Lake Pontchartrain is exceptionally high, water seeps in through some of the rubberized joints that connect the wall's large concrete panels and pools mostly near the floodwall itself. The two groups also agree that the seepage does not impact the stability of the floodwall, but they are looking at various methods of stopping it. In addition to the seepage issue, the authority task force also is looking at the floodwall to determine whether its original design is adequate for the soils in which it is anchored. The corps is studying various methods of replacing the existing wall, or possibly retrofitting the existing structure to make it higher and sturdier.
Source: http://www.nola.com/news/t-p/frontpage/index.ssf?/base/news-5/119320386587180.xml&coll=1

30. *October 23, The Poughkeepsie Journal* – (National) **Senator introduces dam repair legislation.** A bill to establish a program with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to fund repairs of publicly owned dams, entitled the Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007, was introduced in the Senate on Tuesday. One of the supporters of the legislation, a senator from New York said that, "Dam failures can be devastating and even deadly…this legislation will provide local communities with the resources they need to make vital repairs to them before a major breach occurs."
Source:
http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071023/NEWS01/71023015

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